



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association

January 2025

NRG Happenings



Directors Dan Jenkins and Dan Cicero reached the end of their terms as directors, but each agreed to ship over. Dave Lockhart submitted a nomination for director, and he was not contested for the position. The Secretary cast single ballots for the three individuals, thereby electing them to the position of directors.

The MSW Free Forum continues to grow. Modelshipworld.com, the NRG's online ship modeling forum, has seen the 2024 membership soar beyond 47,000! This is a remarkable source for model ship information. If you are not a member, you are missing out on a great opportunity.

In 2025 the NRG will be making a return trip to the IPMS National Convention. This summer it will be held in Hampton Roads, Virginia. As a result of our participation in Madison, Wisconsin, the IPMS has created a specific judging category for wooden ship models!



The 2024 MMS Pizza Bash

As stated in the previous issue of the Forecastle Report, there's nothing better than our annual holiday pizza bash and flea market.

This year ten pizzas were ordered, two of them being extra, extra large. Everyone enjoyed the featured toppings they requested with one exception. A member ordered pineapple, which was not included in the order. Bob Filipowski apologized for the "omission." When the carnage was over with, there were four small slices left, and those were quickly wrapped up and taken home!

The 2024 flea market had some remarkable items for sale, and in some cases, for the taking. These included kits, power tools, and wood suitable for modeling.



January Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD January Meeting Is Cancelled



The January meeting is cancelled due to the fact that this meeting falls on January 1st. The inaugural 2025 gathering will be held on February 5th. The featured topic has not been determined yet. The ZOOM invite will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

The NRMS January Meeting



For January, the Nautical Research and Model Ship Society meeting will be a hybrid session. The face to face segment will be held at 237 S. Lincoln Street, Westmont, IL. Kurt Van Dahm requests that those who plan to attend in person let him know so they can be accommodated.

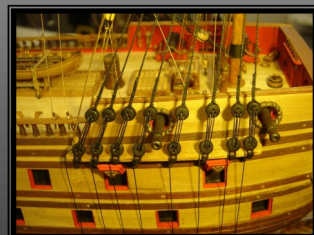
For those preferring to attend the virtual version, an invite will be sent out a few days before the January 11th meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early 6:30 PM.

The MMS January Meeting



With the holidays in our rear-view mirror, it's time to think model ships. The January meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 15th and will be a virtual gathering. As promised, the next three sessions will be presented on Zoom.

The inaugural topic for 2025 will involve maintaining a consistent gap between deadeyes while they are rigged. Invites will be sent out a day or two before the meeting. Proceedings will commence at 7:00 p.m. but you can log on as early as 6:30 pm.





Ships on Deck



Maine Scow Sloop by Samuel X Parent



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Lucia A. Simpson
by Dan Pacholski





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Queen Anne Style Royal Barge Circa 1705

by Allen Siegal





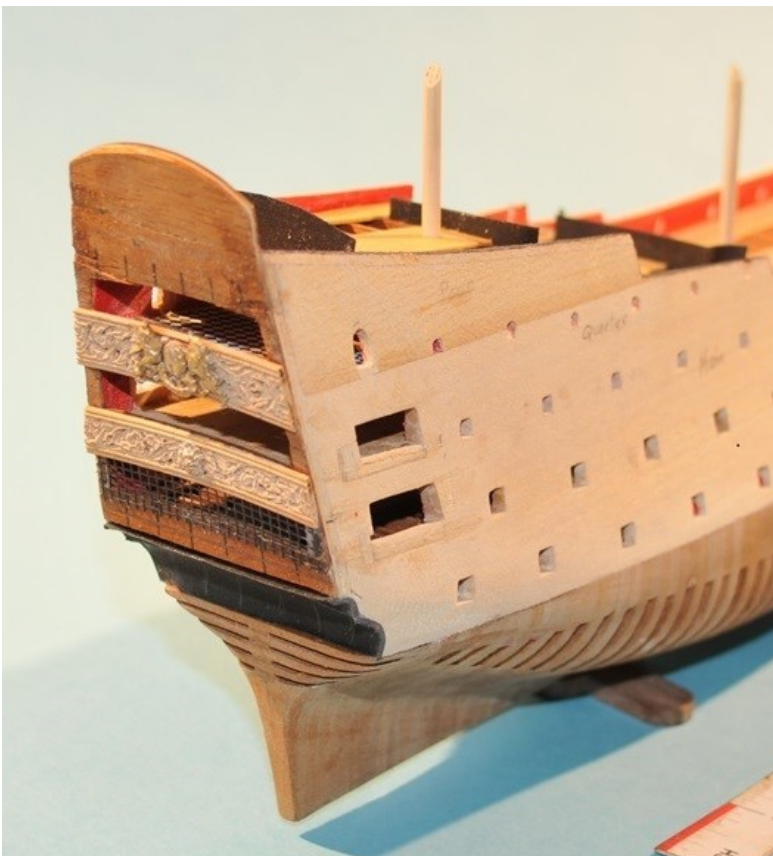
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Britannia

by Gus Agustin

Gus was unable to submit updated photos of his *Britannia* for this issue, so here are a few shots from last month. Since the December Report, Gus has done extensive hull planking and tree nailing. Supposedly, 1,532 tree nails were applied to just a single side!



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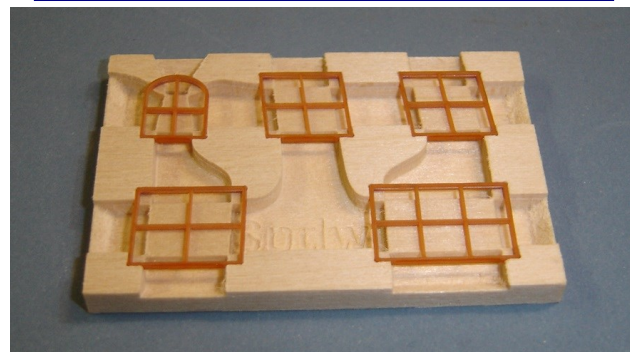


Genmitsu CNC Machine

Presented by Rick Szydelko -- Photos by Bob Frysztak



More results from Paul McClay's CNC home built machine





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Scenes from the December MMS Meeting

Photos by Bob Fryszak



• Tri-Club Anti-Piracy Policy •



Here is a list of banned companies that have been pirating and duplicating kits, books, and plans from reputable manufacturers.

Quite often these disreputable companies offer their products at what appear to be reasonable prices, but these items are often poor in quality. Many of them do not have websites. They market their illegal products via the Internet on sites such as eBay.

If you are contemplating your next project, please check this list. If you are not sure, discuss it with Kurt Van Dahm before you commit to a purchase. For easy reference, this information will appear in all future issues of the *Forecastle Report*.

DryDock Models and Parts (Canada) selling for companies that pirate.

CN	ZHL
CF	RealTS
shi hai	Snail Model
4H Model	XinFeng
Moxing	Crown JD Model
Microcosm	JD Model LHQK
WN	Huasong
Jaocdoen	Shi Cheng
SC	woodenkit (Russian MFG)
DUJIAOSHOU	YengFan
LHQK	Unicorn Model
Master	YQ (YaunQing
	Modelship Dockyard (China)



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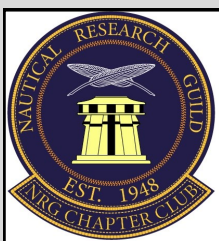
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